

REMARKS

Claims 17-46 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 17-25 were allowed, and claims 26-46 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 17, 26, 35, and 41 were amended. Thus, claims 17-46 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 26-34 were objected to because of informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' amendment to claim 26 obviates this objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection of Claims

Claims 35 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended the claims 35 and 41 to clarify the antecedent basis for the limitations presented in the extracting step. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 17-25 were allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' amendment to claim 17 does not alter the allowability of the claim.

IV. Conclusions

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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